

PUBLIC HEARING

MINUTES

February 26, 2004

ROWND'S REQUEST TO VACATE KAMI COURT

The Public Hearing was Called to Order by Jason Ottman, Acting Mayor at 6:12PM.

Present: Joy Bertsinger, Dick Nelson, Jason Ottman, Clerk Nymann
Absent: Scott Keigley, Bruce VanSickle.

Kami Court is currently platted as a City Street, but not developed. Douglas & Priscilla Rownd submitted an application to vacate Kami Court, their explanation is as follows: "This road would make a poor access road to any new development. After the initial approx. 350 ft, it pitches steeply downward. This road is close to our jointly owned well, close to a drainfield and electrical box. Center Street, in it's present condition, would be unable to withstand additional traffic." (Taken from their application) Council also received letters from Bill & George Mohlke, who are in favor of the street vacation.

Lynette Johnson was present to voice her approval for closing Kami Court. She stated that by opening the road, there will be increased traffic and heavy trucks; the entrance to 6th LN SW (which Kami Court branches off from) is on top of a hill and would pose a safety concern when more traffic comes through to get onto Kami Court. She wants Council to consider their needs along with their neighbors. Also, she wants the developer (of the Wittlief property) to look at other options for a road to this development. She doesn't want her property to be damaged with Kami Court being developed.

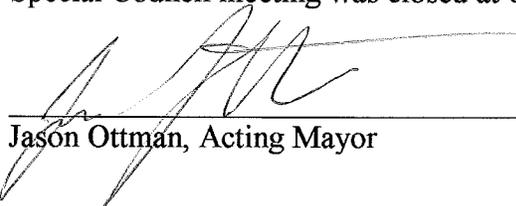
Matt from GGG Engineering stated that he spoke to Mike Sheehan from the County, and the County won't allow them to access the development (because of road spacing requirements) from the NW corner of the development, therefore, Kami Court would be the only access to the western portion of the development. Oronoco's City engineer also agreed that the best access to the development would be through Kami Court. An option to connect the 2 cul-de-sacs (east west sides of the development) was suggested; but there is a deep gully in between the east/west portions of the development, with 55' of grade difference there.

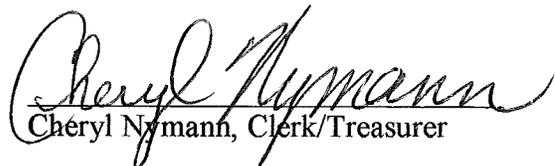
Ottman stated that as a City we have to look at who is affected and what's best for public interest; and that the city cannot make everybody happy. If the County has said that they won't allow access off County 118, and if the City closes Kami Court, then that property would be land locked. He also stated that the City will take Lynette's concerns into consideration.

Public Hearing was closed at 6:30PM and Special Council Meeting opened.

Bertsinger motioned to table this request to vacate Kami Court until the March 8th City Council meeting, Ottman second; all in favor, motion carried.

Special Council meeting was closed at 6:35PM.


Jason Ottman, Acting Mayor


Cheryl Nymann, Clerk/Treasurer